

# PLAN OF THE WEEK

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## Command Column

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Commanding Officer



Next week will be an extraordinarily unusual and busy time for TRACEN Yorktown. There will be several high-profile events that will take place at our facility. Each of these has required an inordinate amount of planning by numerous members of the TRACEN staff. At the last "All Hands" meeting, I previewed the week for those in attendance. For those who may have missed the All Hands, and to refresh the memory of all, the following is a summary of planned events:

**Tuesday, 02 MAY** – As part of the **Spring Flag Conference** being held in Williamsburg, ADM Loy and rest of the Flag/SES Corps will visit TRACEN Yorktown. The Flag Officers and SESs will arrive at approximately 1630. They will witness a "fast rope" demonstration on the parade field conducted by an HH65 helicopter from Air Station Atlantic City and an HH60 helicopter from Air Station Elizabeth City and members of TACLET North. Then they will proceed to the Range where they will witness a demonstration of non-lethal weapons by members of our Weapons School. After that they will tour the CGC WILLIAM TATE (a new 175' buoy tender) and the CGC ALBACORE (a new 87' WPB) moored at our pier. At approximately 1830, their spouses will join them for a reception at the Port of York.

**Wednesday, 03 MAY** – Along with the other COs of the military installations on the Peninsula, I will participate in a panel discussion with the Mayors of the Peninsula cities and counties. The "**Meeting with the Mayors and Commanders**," sponsored by the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, is being held at Fort Monroe this year (we hosted it at the Port of York two years ago) and will provide the public an opportunity to hear about issues of concern to the military and the community. This is an opportunity for me to enlighten the public about the many good things we do here at the TRACEN and about the contribution to the community that we all make.

**Thursday, 04 MAY** – For the second consecutive year, we will host the Coast Guard portion of the Department of Defense-sponsored "**Joint Civilian Orientation Conference**." This conference provides 60 influential citizens chosen by the Secretary of Defense a behind-the-scenes look at their United States military. The day will start with a breakfast at the CG Dining Facility at 0645 and will involve exposure to Coast Guard missions, programs, activities, platforms, and people until approximately 1650. Participating in this year's JCOC will be a 270' WMEC (either CGC FORWARD or CGC NORTHLAND), a 175' Buoy Tender (CGC WILLIAM TATE), an 87' WPB (CGC ALBACORE), helicopters from Air Stations Atlantic City, Elizabeth City, and Traverse City, three Transportable Port Security Boats (TPSBs) from Port Security Unit (PSU) 305, five 41' UTBs from the UTB Systems Center, the Atlantic Strike Team, and members of the Marine Safety Schools and the Maritime Law Enforcement School. During lunch at the Port of York, VADM Shkor, Atlantic Area Commander, will make a presentation. An evening dinner is planned at Shields Tavern in Williamsburg, where VADM Collins, Pacific Area Commander and prospective Vice Commandant, will address the group. A very full day to be sure!

## Command Column cont'd:

**Friday, 05 MAY** – Due to our success in hosting last year's first-ever "**Coast Guard Missions Day**," we have been asked to repeat our performance again this year. The day will be similar to the JCOC schedule with the same Coast Guard units and personnel participating. The audience for this event, however, will be approximately 50-60 Staff members from the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Administration. Coast Guard Missions Day will run from approximately 0830-1800.

Obviously the success of these events depends on the best efforts of many, many dedicated Coast Guard men and women here at Yorktown and throughout the Coast Guard. To all of you who have had a hand in the planning for these events and to those of you who will participate next week, please accept my appreciation for your hard work and dedication. This is our chance to shine in front of some very influential people. Semper Paratus!

### Tricare Tip:

#### GRIEVANCE PROCESS

A Tricare beneficiary or provider who is aggrieved by any failure or perceived failure of Anthem Alliance (TRICARE region 2 contractor), subcontractor or contracted providers to meet the obligations for timely, quality care and service at appropriate levels may file a grievance. All grievances must be submitted in writing. If the written complaint reveals an appealable issue, the correspondence will be forwarded to the appeals unit for a reconsideration review. Submit to: Anthem Alliance Grievance Department, 8085 Knue Road, Indianapolis, IN, 46250. Fax (317) 578-0981. Of course you should first try to resolve problems at the lowest level. First with the Tricare Service Center, your local HBA, etc. For more info contact your local HBA, Kathryn Loveland, x2147, or visit Tricare on the web at:

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil> or the Region 2 website at <http://www.tma.med.navy.mil>

SR Beale will be tried by a Special Courts-Martial on 2 May 2000. SR Beale is charged with wrongful Use, Possession, Distribution, and Introduction of a controlled substance onto TRACEN Yorktown.

*"You don't need to accept life the way it comes to you. Instead, you can use the power of goal-setting to design your life so it comes to you the way you would like to get it."*

### A Look Ahead:

1-5 MAY: CAPT Gentile, Prospective CO, aboard for second week of PCO/PXO Course, JCOC, and Missions Day.

1 MAY: 1330, MSTC Fink's Retirement Ceremony, Port of York, CAPT Sande presides.

2 MAY: All Coast Guard Flag Officers on board for a Demonstration. ETA 1630

2 MAY: 1830, Flag Officer Reception, Port of York.

3 MAY: CPOA Auxiliary Meeting, Chiefs' Shack, Bldg 156, Kay Griffin, 878-5223, ext 244.

4 MAY: Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC), CDR Corporon, x2143. (0645-1700)

4 MAY: 1230, Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce Armed Forces Committee Military Golf Tournament, Fort Eustis, LT Dash, x2170.

5 MAY: Coast Guard Missions Day, CDR Corporon, x2143. (0830-1800)

### Congratulations:

MK1 Timothy Cotton and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl, 7 lbs 5 oz, 19" long, named Emily Cotton, born on 25 April.

Mr. Rudy McDaniel, Chief, Facilities Maintenance Branch, was promoted on 9 April.

The following personnel will be advanced to rates listed on 1 May: EMCS Dennis Reed, and YN2 Jason Coffey.

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